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PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR  
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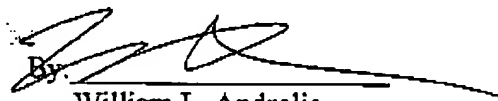
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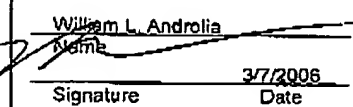
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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was converted into a nonprovisional application on May 25, 2001. Status Inquiries were previously filed on July 30, 2002, April 6, 2004 and April 6, 2005. In response to Applicant's inquiry of April 6, 2005, the U.S. Patent Office indicated in a communication dated October 5, 2005 that the application will receive an Office Action in approximately 3 months. However, to date, no Office Action or Notice of Allowability has been issued.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and that the Patent Office advise the undersigned of the status as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
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